

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

At the very least, then, stations have a legal obligation to air all sides of any political issue.

I expect the FCC to direct Sinclair Broadcasting to either remove this one-sided documentary, or to require Sinclair to concurrently air a documentary such as "Going Upriver" or "Fahrenheit 911" to provide a countervailing view.